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SBI, PNB IN TALKS WITH K'TAKA GOVT FOR AMICABLE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In their first reaction to the sudden decision of the Karnataka govt to stop all transactions with them, the SBI and PNB said they are engaged with the state for an amicable resolution

BOTH ISSUED SEPARATE STATEMENTS SAYING THE MATTER AT THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM IS PENDING IN COURT

SBI SAYS As the matter is currently sub judice, we are unable to provide any specific comments at this time. However, we remain in ongoing discussions with the Government of Karnataka to resolve the issue amicably

PNB SAYS The bank is committed for an amicable resolution of the matter and is in discussion with Karnataka govt | P6

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Modi push for secular civil code

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

IN his longest Independence Day speech lasting 98 minutes, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday ticked all the important boxes like pitching for a secular civil code, giving the one nation, one poll concept a further push, creating jobs, farmers, corruption, punishment for crimes against women, the Bangladesh situation, and the vision of Viksit Bharat (developed nation) by 2047.

Delivering his 11th consecutive speech from the ramparts of Red Fort, Modi emphasised the need for stringent action against gender crimes, calling for tougher measures and instilling fear among perpetrators — in the context of the horrific rape-murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata — to ensure justice for women.

Expressing concern over the recent unrest in Bangladesh and the attacks on Hindus, he urged the new government there to guarantee their safety.

The prime minister also categorically told the world that India's progress does not pose a threat to anyone. "While we progress as a country, the challenges will also increase, especially externally. I want to convey to such forces that India's development will not pose a threat to anyone," he averred.

Pitching for a uniform civil code, Modi said, "A secular civil code is the need of the hour. A significant segment of our population recognises that our current civil code is communal and discriminatory."

Modi also announced plans to create 75,000 new medical seats in five years to address the shortage of healthcare professionals in the country. P9

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In an apparent jibe at the Opposition, he said some people can't digest the growth in the country. "I urge you to reject such elements who don't see development unless it benefit them individually."

SIDDU: GUARANTEES HELPING PEOPLE, WILL CONTINUE THEM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN an attempt to allay concerns over continuation of his government's five guarantee schemes, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday reiterated that they will be continued without any delay in benefits reaching the beneficiaries.

Delivering his Independence Day speech at the Manekshaw Parade Ground here, he made a veiled attack on the NDA government at the Centre over disparity in allocation of funds.

CM Siddaramaiah at Manekshaw Parade Ground in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Siddaramaiah said, "The guarantee schemes have brought relief to the people who have been suffering due to the rising income inequality. On one hand, our government is giving impetus to redistribution of wealth through these schemes, on the other, we have launched programmes for sustainable economic development of the state with equal commitment." He said each beneficiary family receives direct and indirect benefits amounting to around Rs 5,000 a month through the five guarantee schemes. P4

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Damaged equipment after a mob vandalised the RG Kar Medical College | PTI

Mob mess at Kolkata hosp adds to outrage

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

KOLKATA police on Thursday detained nine persons in connection with vandalism at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital the previous night.

In the wee hours on Thursday, a group of 40-50 outsiders had entered the hospital compound disguised as protesters and ransacked the stage where the junior doctors were protesting over the gruesome rape and murder of a postgraduate medical student.

Meanwhile, the CBI team investigating the rape-murder case questioned five doctors and some officials of the hospital. The CBI team also questioned the officer in charge of the Tala police station, under whose jurisdiction RG Kar hospital falls.

According to eyewitnesses, the violent mob entered the emergency department and destroyed the furniture and medical equipment, attacked the nursing station and medicine store, and damaged CCTV cameras. While the BJP plans to hold a candle light march on Friday, TMC's Mamata Banerjee will hold a rally demanding capital punishment for the culprits. P10

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